

CLAIMS

What is Claimed is:

1. In a data communication system of the type wherein a first information-processing device communicates with a second information-processing device, the improvement comprising including additional data in a request from said first information-processing device to said second information-processing device wherein, in accordance with said additional data, said second information-processing device effects communication between said first information-processing device and one of a plurality of third information-processing devices.
2. The improvement of Claim 1 wherein said additional data indicates a geographic location of said first information-processing device.
3. The improvement of Claim 2 wherein said additional data does not exceed one byte in length.
4. The improvement of Claim 3 wherein communication between said first information-processing device, said second information-processing device, and said plurality of third information-processing devices is performed over the internet.
5. The improvement of Claim 4 wherein communication between said first information-processing device, said second information-processing device, and said plurality of third information-processing devices is performed using TCP/IP format.

6. The improvement of Claim 5 wherein said second information-processing device includes a database which includes addresses of each of said plurality of third information-processing devices corresponding to said additional data.